

A guide to Byte Magazine issues on the Internet Archive (archive.org)

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A passion of mine as I was growing up and getting into microcomputers was Byte Magazine. Wow, that was drinking from a firehose! The debut of the MITS Altair kit in the January, 1975 issue of Popular Electronics Magazine is widely considered (including by me) to be the starting event of the microcomputer revolution. (Arguably - there were microprocessors, and microprocessor-based systems before January 1975.) Byte Magazine spanned those formative first few decades of the microcomputer revolution, and the microcomputer industry that evolved very quickly. Byte Magazine was the defacto “journal of record” for the microcomputer industry - if it was in Byte Magazine, it was gospel. The editing of Byte Magazine was very good, and Byte Magazine was very, very widely read. Byte Magazine was very formative as newsletters and magazines were the primary means of information distribution back then. Byte Magazine was published monthly from September, 1975 through July 1998. Despite some valiant attempts, Byte Magazine didn’t survive the transition to fully online. So, mostly, we’re left with the printed issues of Byte Magazine, now digital representations.

Even today, I don’t understand a lot of what was written in Byte. Now, 40+ years after the debut of Byte Magazine, I understand more of what was written in Byte, and I can enjoy it even more in retrospect. It’s particularly fascinating to me to browse the ads for the various computers and the peripherals. It’s fascinating to read how various problems and limitations of microcomputers were gradually overcome, and how it wasn’t ordained, in the beginning, that the IBM PC and its descendants would come to dominate personal computers.

The best place to find Byte Magazine, the largest, most (but not yet totally) complete collection of Byte Magazine is at the Internet Archive - <https://archive.org>. Just go there and search “Byte Magazine” and you’ll see various issues, and lots of other files that aren’t Byte Magazine, but came up because somewhere in their text, there was the word “Byte” and/or “Magazine”. While there are some “collections” listing issues of Byte Magazine, I personally haven’t found them to be all that useful. And I haven’t seen a way to create my own “Collection” short of creating a whole new set of scans of Byte Magazine and naming them in a consistent way that would allow them to display in consecutive order.

Another issue I discovered regarding scans of Byte Magazine on the Internet Archive is that some files are mis-named, and that Internet Archive “collection” of scans of Byte Magazine are not complete - there a number of missing issues.

At first, I was irritated by this discovery. Why wouldn’t Internet Archive take the time to “do it right” to display the collection of scans of the venerable Byte Magazine logically? Such as a web page where the first issue of Byte Magazine is shown, followed by the second issue of Byte Magazine (and only

Byte Magazine), etc. I was also irritated, briefly, with there seeming to be no one to complain to - no “feedback” links, etc. I also saw that some others had discovered errors, and had commented using the “review” feature on the page of each Byte Magazine scan, but it seems the “reviews” are ignored by Internet Archive.

If you do enough research about what happens at the Internet Archive, you’ll begin to understand that what actually goes on behind the scenes in the organization is barely controlled chaos. Sometimes the chaos isn’t very contained - the Jason Scott Podcast (<https://textfiles.libsyn.com/>) is particularly instructive. Bottom line is that the Internet Archive is a foundation, with reasonable, but not huge funding, much of which goes into paying the bills for the “things” such as servers, bandwidth, warehouses, but not much “customer service”. Internet Archive is doing a lot of important stuff, they’re doing all of it simultaneously, and there just isn’t much help available for “minor” stuff, like the issues I’ve found with the Byte Magazine scans.

So, this article is my attempt to render some order out of the chaos of the Byte Magazine scans available on the Internet Archive. You can just click on these links to see (click on the PDF file) or download the files, in the order that the Byte Magazine issues were published.

These URLs were last checked 2018-02-15 and were hand-checked (not bot generated). If you find errors in what I’ve written below, please let me know.

Byte Magazine 1975

September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1975-09>

October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1975-10>

November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1975-11>

December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1975-12>

Byte Magazine 1976

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1976-01>

February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1976-02>

March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1976-03>

April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1976-04>

May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1976-05>

June - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1976-06>

July - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1976-07>

August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1976-08>

September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1976-09>

October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1976-10>

November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1976-11>

December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1976-12>

Byte Magazine 1977

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-01>

February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-02>
March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-03> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-03-rescan>
April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-04>
May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-05>
June - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-06>
July - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-07>
August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-08>
September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-09>
October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-10>
November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-11> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-11-rescan>
December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1977-12>

Byte Magazine 1978

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-01>
February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-02>
March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-03>
April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-04> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-04-rescan> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_03-04_1978-04_Robot_Simulation
May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-05> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-05-rescan>
June - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-06>
July - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-07> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-07-rescan>
August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-08>
September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-09>
October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-10> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-10-rescan>
November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-11> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-11-rescan>
December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-12> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1978-12-rescan>

Byte Magazine 1979

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-01>
February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-02>
March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-03>
April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-04>
May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-05>
June - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-06>

July - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-07> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-07-rescan> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_04-07_1979-07_Automating_Eclipses
August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-08> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-08-rescan> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_04-08_1979-08_Lisp
September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-09>
October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-10> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-10-rescan>
November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-11>
December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-12> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1979-12-rescan>

Byte Magazine 1980

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1980-01>
February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1980-02>
March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1980-03>
April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1980-04>

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September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1980-09>
October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1980-10>
November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1980-11> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1980-11-rescan>
December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1980-12>

Byte Magazine 1981

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1981-01>
February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1981-02>
March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1981-03>
April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1981-04>
May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1981-05> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_06-05_1981-05_Software_Piracy
June - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1981-06>
July - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1981-07>
August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1981-08>
September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1981-09>
October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1981-10>
November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1980-11> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1980-11-rescan>

December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1981-12>

Byte Magazine 1982

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-01>

February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-02> and

<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-02-rescan>

March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-03>

April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-04> and

<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-04-rescan> and

https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_07-04_1982-04_Human_Factors_Engineering

May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-05> and

<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-05-rescan> and

https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_07-05_1982-05_Japanese_Computers

June - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-06>

July - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-07>

August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-08> and

<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-08-rescan>

September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-09> and

<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-09-rescan>

October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-10> and

https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_07-10_1982-10_Computers_in_Business

November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-11>

December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1982-12>

Byte Magazine 1983

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-01> and

<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-01-rescan>

February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-02> and

<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-02-rescan>

March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-03> and

<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-03-rescan>

April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-04> and

<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-04-rescan>

May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-05>

June - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-06> and

<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-06-rescan>

July - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-07> and

<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-07-rescan>

August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-08>

September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-09>

October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-10>

November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-11> and

<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-11-rescan>

December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1983-12>

Byte Magazine 1984

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-01> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_09-01_1984-01_1984_And_Beyond

February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-02>

March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-03> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-03-rescan>

April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-04> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-04-rescan>

May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-05>

June - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-06> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-06-rescan>

July - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-07> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-07-rescan> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_09-07_1984-07_Computers_and_Video

August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-08> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-08-rescan>

September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-09> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_09-10_1984-09_Computer_Graphics

October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-10> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-10-rescan>

November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-11> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-11-rescan>

December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-12> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1984-12-rescan>

Byte Magazine 1985

(13 issues)

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-01-rescan> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_10-01_1985-01_Through_The_Hourglass

February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-02> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-02-rescan>

March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-03> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-03-rescan>

April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-04> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-04-rescan>

May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-05> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-05-rescan> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_10-05_1985-05_Multiprocessing

June - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-06> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-06-rescan>

July - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-07> and
<https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-07-rescan> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_10-07_1985-07_Computers_and_Space
August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-08> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_10-08_1985-08_The_Amiga
September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-09> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_10-09_1985-09_10th_Anniversary_Issue
October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-10>
Special IBM Issue - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-11>
November - https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-12_201502
December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1985-12>

Byte Magazine 1986

(13 issues)

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1986-01>
February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1986-02>
March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1986-03>
April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1986-04>
May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1986-05>
June - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1986-06>
July - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1986-07>
August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1986-08>
September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1986-09>
October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1986-10> and
https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_11-10_1986-10_Apple_II_GS
Special Issue - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive
November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1986-11>
December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1986-12>

Byte Magazine 1987

(14 issues)

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1987-01>
February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1987-02>
March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1987-03>
April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1987-04>
May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1987-05>
June - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1987-06>
Special Issue - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive
July - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1987-07>
August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1987-08>
September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1987-09>
October - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1987-10-rescan>
November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1987-11>

Special IBM Issue - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1987-12>

December - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

Byte Magazine 1988

(13 issues)

January - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

February - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1988-03>

April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1988-04>

May - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1988-05>

June - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1988-06>

July - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1988-07>

August - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1988-08>

September - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1988-09>

October - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1988-10>

November - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

Special Issue (not sure if it's No. 11 or No. 12) - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

December - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1988-12>

Byte Magazine 1989

(13 issues)

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1989-01>

February - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1989-03>

April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1989-04>

May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1989-05>

June - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

July - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1989-08>

September - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

October - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive (the ...1989-10 file is actually August, 1989)

November - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

Special issue (not sure if it's No. 9, 10, 11, or 12)

December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1989-12>

Byte Magazine 1990

January - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

February - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

March - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

April - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

May - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

June - https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_15-06_1990-06_Windows_3.0

July - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

August - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1990-09>

October - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

Special Issue (not sure if it's No. 10 or No. 11)

November - https://archive.org/details/BYTE_Vol_15-12_1990-11_Compaq_Dazzling_New_Laptop

December - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1990-12>

Byte Magazine 1991

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1991-01>

February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1991-02>

March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1991-03>

April - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

May - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

June - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

July - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

August - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

September - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

October - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

November - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

December - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

Byte Magazine 1992

January - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1992-01>

February - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1992-02>

March - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1992-03>

April - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1992-04>

May - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1992-05>

June - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

July - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1992-07>

August - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1992-08>

September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1992-09>

October - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

November - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

December - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

Byte Magazine 1993

January - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1993-01>

February - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1993-02>

March - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1993-03>

April - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1993-04>

Special Issue - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1993-00>

May - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1993-05>

June - <https://archive.org/details/BYTE-1993-06>

July - <https://archive.org/details/BYTEVol1808199307PentiumPCs>

August - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

September - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

October - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

November - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1993-11>

December - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

Byte Magazine 1994

January - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

February - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

March - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

April - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

May - <https://archive.org/details/199405BYTE1905ComponentWare>

June - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

July - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

August - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

September - <https://archive.org/details/ByteV19N9>

October - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

November - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

December - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

Byte Magazine 1995

January - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

February - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

March - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

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May - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

June - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

July - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

August - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

September - <https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1995-09>

October - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

November - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

December - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

Byte Magazine 1996

January - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

February - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

March - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

April - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

May - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

June - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

July - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

August - <https://archive.org/details/BYTEVol2306199806Win98Roadmap>

September - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

October - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

November - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

December - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

Byte Magazine 1997

January - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

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November - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

December - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

Byte Magazine 1998

January - <https://archive.org/details/Byte199801>

February - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

March - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

April - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

May - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

June - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive

July - I could not find this issue on Internet Archive; July 1998 was the final issue of Byte Magazine

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